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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
GREAT PRAIRIE OASIS L.L.C. DBA SUNLAND  
WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF  
FINANCING.

DOCKET NO. W-04015A-12-0050

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
GREAT PRAIRIE OASIS L.L.C. DBA SUNLAND  
WATER COMPANY FOR A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-04015A-12-0051

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On February 14, 2012, in Docket No. W-04015A-12-0050 ("Financing Docket"), Great Prairie Oasis L.L.C., dba Sunland Water Company ("Sunland"), filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval of financing. The financing for which approval is requested is a \$125,000 loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona ("WIFA"), the proceeds of which would be used to finance plant needed to bring Sunland's water system into compliance with the current arsenic standard of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ").

Also on February 14, 2012, in Docket No. W-04015A-12-0051 ("Rate Docket"), Sunland filed an application for a permanent rate increase, attributing its need for a rate increase in part to the need for additional revenue to cover the debt service for the WIFA loan for which approval is being requested in the Financing Docket.

On February 21, 2012, in the Rate Docket, Allen Cameron, a customer of Sunland, requested intervention. On February 22, 2012, Mr. Cameron filed comments expressing concerns regarding Sunland's operations.

Sunland filed additional documents for and an amendment to its rate application on February 23 and March 7, 2012.

1 On March 9, 2012, in the Financing Docket, a Procedural Order was issued requiring Sunland  
2 and the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") each to file, by April 6, 2012, a statement regarding  
3 whether the public interest would be served by consolidating the two dockets.

4 On the same date, in the Rate Docket, a Procedural Order was issued granting Mr. Cameron's  
5 intervention request; requiring Sunland, Mr. Cameron, and Staff each to file, by April 6, 2012, a  
6 statement regarding whether the public interest would be served by consolidating the two dockets;  
7 requiring Sunland to mail a revised notice by March 30, 2012, reflecting its amended proposed rates  
8 and charges; and requiring Sunland, by April 6, 2012, to file an affidavit of service showing that the  
9 revised notice had been provided as required and including a copy of the revised notice.

10 On March 13, 2012, Sunland filed a Request for Consolidation in each of the two dockets.  
11 Sunland also filed an Affidavit of Mailing Revised Notice of Rate Application to Customers in the  
12 Rate Docket.

13 On March 14, 2012, Staff filed a Letter of Sufficiency in the Rate Docket, stating that the rate  
14 application, as amended, had met the sufficiency requirements in A.A.C. R14-2-103 and that Sunland  
15 had been classified as a Class "E" Utility.

16 On March 16, 2012, Staff filed a Response to Procedural Order in each docket stating that  
17 consolidation would be in the public interest because Staff will review substantially the same  
18 financial data for both applications, consolidation would conserve Staff resources and promote  
19 efficient use of judicial resources, and Sunland favors consolidation.

20 On March 27, 2012, in the Rate Docket, Mr. Cameron filed a letter opposing the rate increase  
21 but making no statement regarding consolidation. Sunland filed a response to Mr. Cameron's letter  
22 in the Rate Docket on April 3, 2012.<sup>1</sup>

23 As both Sunland and Staff support consolidation of the Financing Docket and the Rate  
24 Docket, no party has opposed such consolidation, and it appears that consolidation of the two dockets  
25 would conserve party and Hearing Division resources, it is reasonable and appropriate and in the  
26 public interest to consolidate the Financing Docket and the Rate Docket.

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28 <sup>1</sup> On the same date, Sunland also filed a response to a customer comment opposing the rate application.

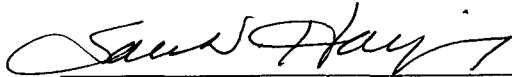
1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Docket Nos. W-04015A-12-0050 and W-04015A-12-  
2 0051 are hereby consolidated.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules  
4 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized  
6 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's  
7 Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,  
9 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at  
10 hearing.

11 DATED this 23rd day of April, 2012.

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15 SARAH N. HARPRING  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE


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